

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 43 of page 61 and continuing to line 1 of page 62 with the following paragraph:

--The variations can be made using methods known in the art such as oligonucleotide-mediated (site-directed) mutagenesis, alanine scanning, and PCR mutagenesis. Site-directed mutagenesis [Carter et al., *Nucl. Acids Res.*, ~~13:4331 (1986)~~ 13:4431 (1985); Zoller et al., *Nucl. Acids Res.*, 10:6487 (~~1987~~) 1982, cassette mutagenesis [Wells et al., *Gene*, 34:315 (1985)], restriction selection mutagenesis [Wells et al., *Philos. Trans. R. Soc. London SerA*, 317:415 (1986)] or other known techniques can be performed on the cloned DNA to produce the PRO variant DNA.--